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12 vie for three open seats on the Menominee Tribal Legislature

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The following were certified as "Off-Reservation" candidates for the Menominee Tribal Legislature:

Alan Caldwell
Richie Plass

The following were certified "On-Reservation" candidates for Tribal Legislature:

Stephanie Awonohopay
Lew Boyd
Barbara Katchenago Caldwell
Douglas G. Cox
Kenneth "Bum Bum" Fish
Albert "Al" Fowler
Annmarie F. Johnson
Bruce A. Wilber, Sr.
Myrna "Tudy" Warrington
Theodore "Tony" Warrington

The dates for the Menominee Tribal Legislature Primary Election are as follows: one day polling in Neopit on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at the Neopit Fire Station, and one day polling in Keshena at the Gordon Dickie Center on Thursday, November 13, 2003. Polls at both sites will be open from 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

All tribal members, of voting age, will be mailed absentee ballot requests if they are not/or will not be available to go to the polls.

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Kittecon returns to Tribal Court



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Above-Chief Justice Robert Kittecon is sworn in by Menominee Tribal Legislator Sarah Skubitz on October 6, 2003 at the Menominee Tribal Offices Boardroom

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October 6, 2003- The Menominee Tribe has a familiar face back at the Tribal Courts. Robert "Blueberry" Kittecon was appointed to serve a four year term as Chief Justice of the Menominee Supreme Court. Upon being sworn in, Chief Justice Kittecon commented, "The only thing I can promise is I'll do the best job I can." His service began on October 6, 2003.

The position was posted by the Menominee Tribal Human Resources Department on August 5, 2003 and remained open until September 4,

2003.

The qualifications of the position include being an enrolled Menominee Tribal Member at least 35 years of age, as of October 4, 2003, with a High School diploma or General Education Diploma. The Chief Justice also must reside on the Menominee Reservation during his/her term of office. The person holding this office can not have been convicted of a major crime as defined in Bylaw V of the Constitution and By-laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe, unless the Tribal Judiciary, in accordance with such rules as it has established, certifies that the person is rehabilitated, as per job posting.

Applicants for office also must demonstrate fitness and competency for the office by taking appropriate examinations. The exam consisted of multiple choice and essay questions covering the Menominee Constitution and jurisdictional issues.

Interviews were held on September 30, 2003. There were a total of five applicants. The applicant list could not be provided by the Human Resource Department.

Robert Kittecon was selected by the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Congratulations Chief Justice Kittecon!

Menominee Ancestors coming home

David J. Grignon (Nahwahquaw)
Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

The Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Office on behalf of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is making preparations to repatriate three of our ancestor's remains from two museums. Two of our ancestors will be repatriated from the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. and the one ancestor will be repatriated from the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) located in Suitland, Maryland just outside of Washington, D.C. Both museums are affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution.

According to museum records at

the Smithsonian, "The skeletal remains of one individuals collected from the banks of the South Branch of the Little Wolf River, in the township of Royalton, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, in 1860. The remains were sent to the Smithsonian Institution by Dr. Levi W. Bliss of Waupaca, Wisconsin in 1868. After consultation with the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin (Tribal Historic Preservation Office) and a review of the available evidence, the remains have been found to be those of a Menominee leader named Waukanuka and are culturally affiliated to the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin".

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